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Subpart A—General

§ 27.1 Applicability.

- (a) This part prescribes airworthiness standards for the issue of type certificates, and changes to those certificates, for normal category rotorcraft with maximum weights of 7,000 pounds or less and nine or less passenger seats.
- (b) Each person who applies under Part 21 for such a certificate or change must show compliance with the applicable requirements of this part.
- (c) Multiengine rotorcraft may be type certified as Category A provided the requirements referenced in appendix C of this part are met.

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§27.2 Special retroactive require-

- (a) For each rotorcraft manufactured after September 16, 1992, each applicant must show that each occupant's seat is equipped with a safety belt and shoulder harness that meets the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section.
- (1) Each occupant's seat must have a combined safety belt and shoulder harness with a single-point release. Each pilot's combined safety belt and shoulder harness must allow each pilot, when seated with safety belt and shoulder harness fastened, to perform all functions necessary for flight operations. There must be a means to secure belts and harnesses, when not in use, to prevent interference with the operation of the rotorcraft and with rapid egress in an emergency.